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Communicating with an Appliance)
Through an Optical Interface Using)
A Control Panel Indicator)

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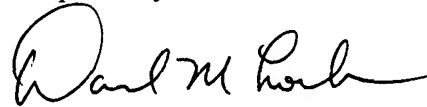
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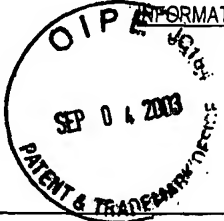
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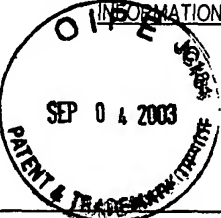
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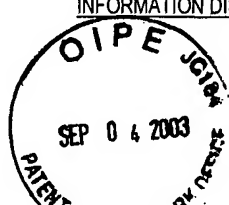
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